

South Portland area are truly remarkable, the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ concentrates its energies and attention on its current and future role within the greater community—to serve members of its congregation and people whose lives are enriched by the interaction of the ministry, the congregants, and the faith that binds them to a benevolence of purpose that is an inspiration to all.

Through such practical programs as the Discovery Center preschool, the Community Crisis Ministries Program, the Mission and Outreach Team—which offer soup kitchen and food pantry assistance—and the Social Witness Ministries that address current socio-cultural and environmental challenges, this church truly extends its reach beyond its walls in the selfless quest to contribute to others.

As 2009 represents a monumental moment of celebration in the life of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, I wish to offer my heartfelt congratulations and profound gratitude to all who have sustained the dynamic work of this church in centuries past and who will do so for many more years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1327. An act to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1700. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum.

H.R. 2651. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a maritime career training loan program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3371. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airline safety and pilot training, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following con-

current resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 138. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas.

At 1:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2892) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, October 15, 2009, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1717. A bill to authorize major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1016. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2997. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

At 3:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2423. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 955(b), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the National Council on the Arts: Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota and Mr. CARNAHAN of Missouri.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. LEWIS of California and Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 22. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to reduce the amount that the United States Postal Service is required to pay into the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund by the end of fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1327. An act to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1700. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2423. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse", and to designate the jury room in that Federal building and United States courthouse as the "Marcel C. Notzon II Jury Room"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2651. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a maritime career training loan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3371. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airline safety and pilot training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 138. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 18. Joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the United Arab Emirates.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 15, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1717. An act to authorize major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3371. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Department of Defense Inspector General Address" ((RIN0750-AG34)(DFARS Case 2009-D001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3372. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Restriction on Research and Development—Deletion of Obsolete Text" ((RIN0750-AG33)(DFARS Case 2009-D005)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3373. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exception to the Maturity Limit on Second Mortgages" (RIN3133-AD64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3374. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirement for Amateur Rocket Activities; CORRECTION" (RIN2120-AI88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3375. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transportation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bus Testing: Phase-In of Brake Performance and Emissions Testing, and Program Updates" (RIN2132-AA95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3376. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Minor Editorial Corrections and Clarifications" (RIN2137-AE50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3377. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revision of Requirements for Emergency Response Telephone Numbers" (RIN2137-AE21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3378. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Express Lane Demonstration Program" (RIN2125-AF07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3379. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Congestion Management Rule for John F. Kennedy International Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport; RESCISSION" (RIN2120-AJ48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3380. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Congestion Management Rule for LaGuardia Airport; RESCISSION" (RIN2120-AJ49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Com-

mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3381. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Restricted Area R-2502A; Fort Irwin, CA; Docket No. 09-AWP-3" (RIN2120-AA66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3382. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (105); Amdt. No. 3338" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3383. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (7); Amdt. No. 3339" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3384. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (8); Amdt. No. 3341" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3385. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (122); Amdt. No. 3340" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3386. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules (20); Amdt. No. 483" (RIN2120-AA63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3387. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1117)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3388. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DORNIER LUFTAHRT GmbH Models Dornier 228-100, Dornier 228-101, Dornier 228-200, Dornier 228-201, and Dornier 228-202 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0574)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3389. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Glaser-Dirks Flugzeugbau GmbH Model DG-100 Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0881)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3390. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320 and A321 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-0390)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3391. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310-203 and -222 Airplanes and Model A300 B4-620 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0431)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3392. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Ronan, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0552)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3393. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace and Amendment of Class E Airspace; North Bend, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0006)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3394. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D and E Airspace, Removal of Class E Airspace; Aguadilla, PR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0053)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3395. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace, Modification of Class E Airspace; Bunnell, Florida" ((RIN2120-AA66)(9-24/9-25/0327/ASO-014)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3396. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Franklin, North Carolina" ((RIN2120-AA66)(9-24/9-25/0986/ASO-15)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3397. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Platteville, Wisconsin" ((RIN2120-AA66)(10-9/

10-9/0512/AGL-9)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3398. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Pueblo, Colorado" ((RIN2120-AA66)(10-9/10-9/0349/ANM-6)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3399. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Little River, California" ((RIN2120-AA66)(10-9/10-9/0617/AWP-5)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3400. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Glaser-Dirks Flugzeugbau GmbH Model DG-100 Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(10-5/10-5/0897/CE-048)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3401. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -100B, -100B SUD, -200B, -200C, -200F, -300, -400, -400D, -400F, and 747SR Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(10-5/10-1/0293/NM-221)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3402. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727-281 Airplanes Equipped with Auxiliary Fuel Tanks Installed in Accordance with Supplemental Type Certificate SA3449NM" ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-21/9-21/1325/NM-157)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3403. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Teledyne Continental Motors O-470, IO-470, TSIO-470, IO-520, TSIO-520, IO-550, and IOF-550" ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-21/9-21/0367/NE-10)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3404. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200, -300, and -300F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(10-1/10-1/1363/NM-104)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3405. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(10-1/

10-1/0646/NM-359)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3406. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes Equipped with a Digital Transient Suppression Device (DTSD) Installed in Accordance with Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) ST00127BO" ((RIN2120-AA64)(10-1/10-1/05221/NM-187)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3407. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-24/9-29/0682/NM-237)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3408. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Final Rule; Safety and Security Zones: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant, Plymouth, Massachusetts" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2009-0311)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3409. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel and Facility Response Plans for Oil: 2003 Removal Equipment Requirements and Alternative Technology Revisions" ((RIN1625-AA26)(Docket No. USG-2001-8661)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3410. A communication from the Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities performed by the agency that are not inherently governmental functions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3411. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; New Orleans, Louisiana" (MB Docket No. 09-147) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3412. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Japan relative to the AN/ASA-70 Tactical Data Display Group in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3413. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data related to firearms to the United Kingdom relative to Lewis Machine and Tool Co. (LMT) .309 caliber (7.62mm) Semi Automatic Rifles in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3414. A communication from the Chairman of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3415. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Privacy Office Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2009 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 369. A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 379. A bill to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1793. An original bill to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Edward Milton Chen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Dolly M. Gee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Richard Seeborg, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 1788. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, direct-care registered nurses, and all other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling and injury prevention standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LEVIN):